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Simply Put

In a brilliant attempt
to embrace the sentiments stamped on anything
that doesn't move:
(polished stones, throw pillows, stationary, mugs)

Such as:
(hope, trust, love, live)

I've chosen 'simple' for my bedfellow.

I know I can't live simply — I won't even GO there—
but I'll take a page from Billy Collins
and write REAL,

simplicity.

This elusive perfection
that all the delicate swirls
in the china-pattern sonnets
have, still,
yet to achieve.

No, I will write simply—
uncomplicated.

This, for instance, is a poem
about taking life's 'lessons'
and putting them to use.

There. That's the theme of the poem.

Metaphors are dangerous,
anyway.